

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee

May 26, 2023

Agenda Item 5

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 3 Update

Subject:

Update on the OBAG 3 Program, including equity considerations from the County & Local Program and next steps for the Regional Program.

Background:

OBAG is MTC's framework for programming federal highway formula funds to implement *Plan Bay Area 2050*. Now in its third cycle, OBAG 3 directs \$768 million to transportation projects in the Bay Area over the next four years (federal fiscal year 2023 through 2026). OBAG 3 funding is split evenly between two program components: the County & Local Program and the Regional Program.

MTC staff last presented on the OBAG 3 Program to the Policy Advisory Committee in March 2022. At the request of the Committee, staff are returning to provide an update on both program components, emphasizing equity considerations. Additional information on the OBAG 3 Program, including the complete project selection and programming policies (MTC Resolution No. 4505), is available on MTC's website at www.mtc.ca.gov/obag3.

County & Local Program

The County & Local Program supports local-priority projects that advance regional objectives. MTC partnered with the nine Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) to issue a regionwide call for projects for the County & Local Program in May 2022. CTAs conducted outreach and initial project evaluation, and MTC scored and selected projects from CTA nominations in January 2023. The OBAG 3 framework integrates equity considerations throughout the call for projects process by emphasizing community priorities, rewarding pro-housing jurisdictions, focusing investments in historically underserved communities, and advancing safety for vulnerable roadway users. Additional details are provided in the presentation for this item (**Attachment A**). The adopted County & Local Program includes various project types from across the region, as detailed in the project list and county maps from

the January 2023 Programming and Allocations Committee agenda item (**Attachments B and C**).

Regional Program

The Regional Program funds MTC-led projects and initiatives best suited for regional implementation. Some regional programs include focused local grant opportunities to support regional goals. Active and upcoming Regional Program calls for projects are listed in the presentation (**Attachment A**).

Recommended Action:

Information item.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: OBAG 3 Update (presentation)
- Attachment B: OBAG 3 County & Local Program Project List (from January 2023 Programming and Allocations Committee)
- Attachment C: OBAG 3 County & Local Program Project Maps (from January 2023 Programming and Allocations Committee)